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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know if this survey has been undertaken ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It has not yet been undertaken."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know with regard to the answer to clause (*b*), whether notice of objection will be given ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Certainly."

Details of the staff appointed for experiments in Anaimalai forests.

* 432 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the debates on my motion for the reduction of the allotment for certain experiments in the Anaimalai forests on 28th March 1928—

(*a*) the details of the staff sanctioned and appointed with their salaries and nationality, caste, religion and qualifications of the several members of the staff ; and

(*b*) whether any member of the staff has been sent for training and if so, where ?

A.—The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Will the hon. the Law Member give us some idea of the staff and of the work they will be engaged in ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Conclusions have not been arrived at."

Marine

Establishment of a Port Conservancy Board at Mangalore.

* 433 Q.—Mr J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at whose request, under what circumstances and for what reasons a Conservancy Board has been established at Mangalore ;

(*b*) whether Port Conservancy Boards and the Landing and Shipping Fees Committees are statutory bodies ;

(*c*) what differences have been discovered as to functions and powers between a Landing and Shipping Fees Committee and a Conservancy Board ; and

(*d*) whether Government have any proposals before them for placing such Committees and Boards on a statutory and legal basis and if so, when legislation will be introduced therefor ?

A.—(*a*) A Port Conservancy Board was established at Mangalore in 1927 on the suggestion of the Presidency Port Officer. The Collector of South Kanara and the Landing and Shipping Fees Committee then existing at the port also agreed to the proposal. The Board was established because a Port Conservancy Board has more authority over the affairs of the port, than a Landing and Shipping Fees Committee.

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(*c*) A memorandum [a] comparing the general powers and functions of a Landing and Shipping Fees Committee with those of a Port Conservancy Board is laid on the table.

(*d*) A Bill to amend the Madras Outports Landing and Shipping Fees Act, 1885 (III of 1885), so as to put the Port Conservancy Boards and Landing and Shipping Feee Committees on a statutory basis is under the consideration of Government. It is not possible to say when the proposed legislation will be brought before the Council.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I inquire why there is so much delay in bringing forward this legislation? Session after session, the answer has been given that the matter is under consideration. Will the hon. the Law Member inform us as to when approximately at least this legislation will be brought before this Council?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am sorry it is not possible to say."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I ask whether the municipality of Mangalore was ever consulted before this Port Conservancy Board was constituted, and whether the municipality has any representation on the Board?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" As far as I am aware, it was not consulted. As to whether the municipal council has any representation, I want notice."

Central Record Office

Alleged overlooking of the claims of qualified clerks for promotion by the Curator, Madras Record Office.

* 434 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether complaints have been made to Government that the claims of qualified and deserving clerks are overlooked by the Curator of the Madras Record Office or Personal Assistant to the Editor of the Gazetteers in the matter of promotions and appointments in the office; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government to redress the grievance?

A.—(*a*) The Government have received representations in the matter of promotions and appointments of clerks in the Madras Record Office

(*b*) Enquiry disclosed no grievance calling for the intervention of Government.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know whether it is or it is not a fact that applications of candidates and employees of the Record Office have not been sent up to the department for proper consideration but have been suppressed by the head of the office? I am told that one or two applications for promotion have not been sent up for due consideration."

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a Printed as Appendix III on pages 230—232 infra.